Budgetary allocation for SCs, STs Finance Development Corporation

*65. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH KALYAN: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of States where Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes Finance Development Corporations are functioning;

(b) the reasons for not setting up such Corporations in the remaining States and Union Territories;

(c) the budgetary allocation for the same during the years 1996-97 and 1997-98; and

(d) the actual amount being utilised for the SCs/STs in the various States?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA): (a) to (d) Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe Corporations are functioning in 25 States/UTs as per list attached in Statement (*See* below). Besides in the following States/UTs the loan is routed through the organisations mentioned against their names.

1. Manipur	: Manipur Tribal Development Corporation.
2. Nagaland	: Nagaland Industrial Development Corpn.
3. Mizoram	: Mizoram UCO Bank.
4. Meghalaya	: Meghalaya Corporation Bank.
5. Arunachal Pradesh	: Arunachal Pradesh Industrial Development and Finance Corporation.
6. Andaman & Nicobar Island	: Andaman State Cooperative Bank Ltd.
7. Lakshadeep	: Lakshadeep Island Development Corpn.

It may be mentioned that SC/ST Finance and Development Corporations have been established in those States/UTs where there is sizeable SC/ST population.

The year-wise Budgetary allocation under assistance to State/UT SC/ST Corporations, Ministry of Welfare is as follows:

(i) 1996-97 : Rs. 30.00 crores
(ii) 1997-98 : Rs. 45.00 crores

This is released towards 49% equity of the State SC/ST Corporation. The information pertaining to the States/UT-wise utilisation is being collected from the concerned State/UT Governments.

Statement

List of Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe Corporations functioning in 25 States/UTs

1. Andhra Pradesh
2. Assam
3. Bihar
4. Gujarat
5. Haryana
6. Himachal Pradesh
7. Jammu & Kashmir
8. Karnataka
9. Kerala
10. Madhya Pradesh
11. Maharashtra
12. Orissa
13. Punjab
14. Rajasthan
15. Tamilnadu
16. Tripura
17. Uttar Pradesh
18. West Bengal
19. Goa
20. Chandigarh
21. Delhi
22. Pondicherry
23. Daman & Diu
24. Sikkim
25. Dadra and Nagar Haveli

Sub-standard items being sold in Super Bazar

*66. DR. MOHAN BABU:
SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Super Bazar has been selling sub-standard and poor quality items to the consumers;

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal to remove all such items from the Super Bazar;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS (SHRI RAGHUBANS PRASAD SINGH): (a) to (d) The Super Bazar has informed that they are not selling sub-standard and poor quality items. The Super Bazar has its own laboratory and all the food items are tested in it strictly as per quality norms by way of random sample checking. The test checking of items other than agricultural products is also done and in case of inferiority, the items are rejected and goods returned to the parties.

The introduction and discontinuation of sale of items is a continuous process in a commercial and trading house like Super Bazar.

Non-submission of Audit Accounts by NGOs

*67. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that large number of NGOs which have received funds from the Government exist only on paper and have not submitted any audited accounts;

(b) if so, the total number of NGOs that received the funds from Government, year-wise, in the last five years, and how many of those NGOs have not submitted the audited statements of accounts; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to ensure that only bonafide NGOs receive Government grants in future?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) There are already certain checks to ensure that only bonafide NGOs receive Government grants. They are:—

(i) the NGO should be registered under Societies Registration Act 1860 and working for at least two years.

(ii) The proposal of the NGO should be forwarded by the concerned State Government alongwith an inspection report;

(iii) Audited accounts of the NGO is verified before releasing grants.

(iv) Second instalment to the NGO is released only after receipt of detailed inspection report from the State Government.

(v) NGOs receiving grants of Rs. 25 lakhs and above are audited by the CAG.

(vi) The Ministry has initiated action for review of performance of the grantee institutions in receipt of grants in excess of Rs. 10 lakhs per annum.

(vii) No grants are sanctioned where there is reasonable suspicion or suggestion of corrupt practices unless the bodies concerned are cleared of the allegations.

Proposal to put wheat import and export under O.G.L.

*68. SHRI SOM PAL: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what have been the year-wise and country-wise details of value and quantity of the wheat imported and exported during the past five years;

(b) whether there is a proposal to put wheat imports and exports under O.G.L.; and

(c) if yes, what is the rationale thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS